

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention allows a user to edit out offensive scenes and/or dialogue from any movie by discovering the exact time of the location of the movie. When the exact time of the location of the movie is known, a movie may be edited based on editing data that corresponds to the time in the movie when offensive material occurs. A user
5 downloads a file from the Internet that contains timing and editing data for a movie the user desires to watch. The file is selected based on the amount of editing the user desires. For example, the user may select a reduced rating (similar to a PG rating) for a movie that is rated R in its normal format. After downloading the timing data and editing data file,
10 the user plays the movie by way of any traditional method (VCR, DVD player, cable or satellite TV, or other device) in conjunction with the present invention.

The present invention determines the location of the movie based on a comparison of the audio and/or video inputs from the movie being played and the downloaded timing data. In this manner, the present invention discovers the location of the movie and then
15 uses the editing data to turn off the video output (“blanking”) and/or mute the audio during offensive scenes and/or dialogue.